

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods, systems, and computer program products, for using a web browser to view stored data over the World Wide Web, where the data is stored in a format normally incompatible with such viewing. A client computer processes a view descriptor and a general view class to generate a specific view class, or template, and a query. The specific view class is used as a template to display data the client receives from a data server after submitting the generated query to the data server. The result of using a specific view class as a template for the data is that the data is output in Hypertext Markup Language, so as to be easily displayable on a web browser. View classes and view descriptors may be developed using existing Web development tools such as Extensible Style Language and Extensible Markup Language.

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